

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1.-27. Cancelled

28. (New) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus including a framework having a base provided with raw liquid inlet openings, framework members projecting from the base and a recessed circumferential strip, comprising:

a disposable filtering bag provided with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations; and

a substantially flat, stretchable band affixed to and extending along and within said rim of the opening, the opening being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of the bag to said circumferential strip and on said framework.

29. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said filtering bag is provided with filtering perforations which are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.

30. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said disposable filtering bag which is suitable and effective for use in three or more consecutive cleaning cycles and has an air permeability as follows:

for 1 mbar –  $325 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ ;

for 2 mbar –  $510 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ , and

for 3 mbar –  $850 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ .

31. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said disposable filtering bag is a lightweight material having a stretching strength of about  $100.0 \text{ lb/in}^2$  length and about  $60.5 \text{ lb/in}^2$  width, and a bursting strength of about  $80 \text{ lb/in}^2$ .

32. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said disposable filtering bag is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

33. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.

34. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein the disposable filtering bag in its assembled state is slipped over said framework with a stretchable opening tightly surrounding and clinging to said recessed strip by said substantially flat, stretchable band which is uniformly continuous and free of ends.

35. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said framework includes two substantially rectangular framework members disposed substantially parallel to each other supported by a base.

36. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said disposable filtering bag is provided with a sleeve extending around said rim..

37. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said opening and said elastic band are also sized to fit closely around and cling strongly to the recessed circumferential strip.

38. (New) In the swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said framework is a unitary member for maintaining said framework members in a fixed relationship relative to each other for support of said filtering bag.